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SUBJECT: CONVENTION ON THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF
NUCLEAR MATERIAL

REF: STATE 18747

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM TELECONS WITH LEAHY THAT QUESTION
HAS BEEN RAISED ABOUT COVERAGE OF PLUTONIUM 238 IN DEFINI-
TION PROPOSED REFTEL. WE FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT ISSUE
WILL BE DISCUSSED AT MEETING WITH MISSION REPS, WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 22.

2. USG IS PERFECTLY READY TO ACCEPT COVERAGE IN INFCIRC
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225, REV. 1, SPECIFICALLY AS PROVIDED IN FOOTNOTE A TO
TABLE AT PAGE 6. WE INCLUDED BROADER COVERAGE OF PLUTONIUM
AT THE REQUEST OF THE SOVIETS. THUS, WE ARE READY TO ACCEPT
EITHER FORMULATION BASED IN INFCIRC 225 REV. 1, OR TO
STICK WITH U.S. PROPOSAL CONTAINED REFTEL, DEPENDING ON
WHAT IS NEGOTIABLE. YOU SHOULD DISCUSS MATTER WITH KEY
REPRESENTATIVES, AS WELL AS WITH SOVIETS IN ATTEMPT TO

WORK OUT SOLUTION. WHICH WAY ISSUE COMES OUT IS NOT OF VITAL CONCERN TO THE USG, BUT WE ARE ANXIOUS THAT ISSUE BE RESOLVED.

3. TO REFLECT INFCIRC DEFINITION, USG DEFINITION OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL CONTAINED REFTL COULD BE MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS: "NUCLEAR MATERIAL' MEANS PLUTONIUM (EXCEPT THAT WITH ISOTPIC CONCENTRATION EXCEEDING 80 PERCENT IN PLUTONIUM-238); URANIUM 233; URANIUM ENRICHED IN THE ISOTOPE 235 OR 233; ANY MATERIAL CONTAINING ONE OR MORE OF THE FOREGOING; AND SOURCE MATERIAL."

4. THE APPROACH IN PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH FOR DEALING WITH COVERAGE OF PLUTONIUM HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY SOVIETS IN INFCIRC 225 AND IN SUPPLIERS' GUIDELINES. THIS PROVIDES ARGUMENT FOR USE WITH SOVIETS AND SHOULD PERMIT AGREEMENT BASED ON REVISION TO TEXT SUGGESTED ABOVE.

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